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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an Extension of Time of 1 month to file a Request for Continued Examination in the above-identified patent application. This will serve to extend the time for filing the Responses to the Final Office Action mailed March 5, 2004 from June 5, 2004, up to and including July 5, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, an extension fee of \$55.00 for maintaining the pendency of the present application is required. The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No. 20563/2052. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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